Third Sunday of Easter
April 22nd 2007

Faith Sharing
Readings and Questions for
Week of April 22nd
Acts 13:14, 43-52;
Revelation 7:9, 14b-17; John 10:27-30
Theme: Jesus knows us and calls us.

Question for Adults: Jesus calls each one of us to be a disciple today through our Baptism. Name one way Jesus is calling you to be a disciple this week.

Question for Youth: Jesus said "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me." How does Jesus speak to you? What new path is he asking you to take?

Question for Children: Jesus called the sheep by name just as he calls us by name. Find out what your name means and why you were given that name. Write or draw what name God uses to call you.

Monday, April 23rd 2007
Monday of the Third Week of Easter
Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29
8:00 a.m. – Daily Liturgy
Intention: Repose of Bruce Lein
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Office Hours
7:00 p.m. – Lay Ministry potluck and discussion

Tuesday, April 24th 2007
Tuesday of the Third Week of Easter
Acts 7:51-8:1a; John 6:30-35
No Daily Liturgy
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Office Hours
7:00 p.m. – Boy Scouts

Wednesday, April 25th 2007
Feast of Saint Mark the Evangelist
1 Peter 5:5b-14; Mark 16:15-20
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Office Hours
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Food Pantry
No Daily Liturgy
6:30 p.m. – Final Faith Formation class

Thursday, April 26th 2007
Thursday of the Third Week of Easter
Acts 8:26-40; John 6:44-51
8:00 a.m. – Daily Liturgy
Intention: Repose of Charles Ray
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Office Hours

Friday, April 27th 2007
Friday of the Third Week of Easter
Acts 9:1-20; John 6:52-59
8:00 a.m. – Daily Liturgy
Intention: Birthday of Chris Abraham
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Office Hours

Saturday, April 28th 2007
Saturday of the Third Week of Easter
Acts 9:31-42; John 6:60-69
8:00 a.m. – Daily Liturgy with Adoration
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. - Food Pantry
9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. – Study of the Catechism for Adults
2:00 p.m. – First Communion rehearsal, followed by banner making
3:45 p.m. - Reconciliation
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 13:14, 43-52; Revelation 7:9, 14b-17; John 10:27-30
5:00 p.m. – Liturgy of the Eucharist
Intention: Marriage of Mark & Misty Weishaar

Ministry Schedule
Bread Baker: *Mary Blauvelt*
Altar Servers: *Jessica Schacher, Trevor & Marissa Pitsor*
Blood: *Jayme & Reggie Hunt, John Wang, Greg Sass*
Body: *Lorinda Collings*
Lectors: *Cathleen Denekamp & Tom Collings*
Sacristans: *Joe & Linda Schacher*
Ushers: *Dennis & Judy Olson*
Choir: *Lori Miller*

Sunday, April 29th 2007
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 13:14, 43-52; Revelation 7:9, 14b-17; John 10:27-30
8:00 a.m. -- Liturgy of the Eucharist
(First Communion Mass)

Ministry Schedule
Altar Servers: *Brett Beyer, Kerry & Shannon Wilson*
Blood: *Frank Boner, Kathy Amiotte, Jean Schubauer, Larry Williamson*
Body: *Beth-Anne Ferley*
Lectors: *Larry & Joyce Williamson*
Sacristans: *Frank & Donna Boner*
Ushers: *Duane Schubauer & Tom Van Asma*
Choir: *Regina's Minstrels*

9:15 a.m. – First Communion Reception
10:30 a.m. Liturgy of Eucharist
Intention: Health of Felix Korban

Ministry Schedule
Altar Servers: *Austin & Kaleah Evans, Whitney Werdel*
Blood: *Sharon Long, Curt Lauinger, Jim Hoag & John Usera*
Body: *Bernadette Usera*
Lectors: *Mary & Brad Blauvelt*
Sacristans: *The Blauvelt Family*
Ushers: *Bob & Pam Wentz*
Choir: *Lori Miller*

6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

No Eucharistic Adoration this Sunday, April 22nd!

Sparks From Fr. Mark
Our new pastoral council will be installed this weekend at the three different liturgies in which the councilors usually attend. So far we have had three meetings of the pastoral council and have been working a number of pastoral issues such as peace and social justice and the possibility of doing something with in-active Catholics.

The purpose of the pastoral council is really three fold as laid out ion our pastoral council guidelines for OLBH. I would like to share the purpose and how the pastoral council relates to the parish staff, finance and different committees of OLBH.

The pastoral council will be selecting a new chair and vice chair person at our next council meeting. The council meets the third Monday of every month. Lorinda Collings has been appointed by Fr. Mark to be the pastoral council secretary.

Purpose of Pastoral Council
The purpose of Our Lady of the Black Hills Pastoral Council is to be a consultative parish body to the pastor. It does this by investigating pastoral matters in a spirit of prayer, study and reflection and through that process proposes practical conclusions to the pastor. The overall goal of the Pastoral Council is to build the parish into a living and dynamic community of faith.

Officers
The pastor presides at every meeting of the council. The pastor and the councilors select two officers from among their numbers, a chairperson and a vice-chairperson. The secretary is not a selected member of the Pastoral Council, but is appointed by the pastor with consultation with the councilors. The pastor, along with the three officers, develops the agenda.

Role of Chairperson:
-Facilitates council discussions, making sure that everybody speaks and is heard. The chairperson also monitors the work of the councilors between regular meetings.

Role of the Vice-Chairperson:
-Assists the chairperson and facilitates meetings in the chairperson's absence.

Role of Secretary:
-Keeps the minutes. He or she ensures that they are sent, along with the agenda and supporting documents, to each councilor at least one week before every meeting.

Relation to the Staff, Finance Council, Ministries and Groups
The pastor consults others besides the Pastoral Council about parish governance.

Parish Staff:
The pastor relies upon the parish staff for their expertise and consults them daily about the management of parish operations. He may occasionally ask parish staff members to attend council meetings in order to put their knowledge at the service of the Pastoral Council. The parish staff will also be connected with the parish committees, ministries and groups.

Finance Council:
Finance Council develops, monitors and reports on the parish budget. Finance Council members are chosen and appointed for their technical skills in the realm of accounting and finance. The Pastoral Council engages the Finance Committee as deemed necessary in

the planning process. The Finance Committee will engage the Pastoral Council as necessary in monitoring and implementing the budget process.

Committees, Ministries and Groups:
The Pastoral Council will bring together the leadership of these various groups twice during the year, and connects with them at other times as necessary.

Parish Community:
The Pastoral Council will communicate with and report to the parish community not less than once a year.

Parish Assembly:
The Pastoral Council will bring together all committees, ministries, and groups, or representatives from all groups, and the members of the parish community for an assembly every two years or as needed. The purpose of the parish assembly is to solicit input and report progress in relation to the vision and mission set forth by the Pastoral Council.

Grant & Mary Coffin	Denny Olson
Don Hobbs	Tom Reeve
Sally Graham	Phillip Thompson
Aaron Johnson	Don Thrall
Henry Maiki	Kathy Van Asma
Mike McGuigan	Larry Williamson

Secretary Recorder
Lorinda Collings

Prayer Corner: *Names will remain on the prayer list for one month. Please contact the office for continued prayers.*

Improved Health: Frank & Cecilia Keller, George Bondora, Larry Still,
Repose: Maria Heloise Burns, Ken Hunt, Eva Maher

Stewardship

April 8th & 9th

Loose	$1,864.74
Envelopes	$3,201.11
Student	$58.84
Guatemala Easter Eggs	$119.98
Building Fund	$55.00
Total	$5,299.67

Renovation Pledges
May 1st 2005 to April 30th 2007
Total Pledged - $141,112.01
Total Received - $115,836.22

Study of the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults

We will meet every Saturday morning 9:30-11:00 a.m. through September 8th. This week we will study chapter 4. For more information, please call Kathy Van Asma at 787-6218.

Parish Directories Coming Soon!

If you would like a parish directory, please sign up for one! There is a list in the gathering area, or you may call the parish office at 787-5168.

Peace and Justice Committee will meet Sunday, May 6th at 9:15 a.m. in the church library. This meeting will be about the mission trip to Standing Rock Reservation, which is scheduled for **July 8-12**. If you have any questions please call Eileen Desmond at 430-0209.

Youth & Young Adults

TOTUS TUUS 2007: *BURN.* ***"I HAVE COME TO SET THE EARTH ON FIRE. AND HOW I WISH IT WERE ALREADY BLAZING!" (LUKE 12:49)***

Totus Tuus Camps are coming! Hiking, campfires, swimming, games, and much more! At Storm Mountain Center.
Girls Camp: June 26-29, for those who have completed grades 6, 7, or 8. .
Girls Leadership: June 25-29, for those who have completed grades 9-12 and older.
Boys Camp: July 31-August 3, for those who have completed grades 6, 7, or 8.
Boys Leadership: July 30-August 3, for those who have completed grades 9-12 and older.
Registration forms available at parishes. Contact the vocations office for more information, 343-3541, ssafford@diorc.org.
Ask Teresa in parish office for coupons for early bird registration!

NIOBRARA RIVER YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

Join us for a weekend retreat with Fr. Brian Christensen. We'll camp and canoe the beautiful Niobrara River in Northern Nebraska, while we talk about the spiritual life and discernment, celebrate daily Mass, and spend time in prayer and fellowship. For young adults 18 or older. Tuesday-Thursday, June 12-14. Cost: $70. Limited space available. Deadline for registration is May 25. Contact Susan at 343-3541 for more information. Flyers and registration forms available at www.Gods-call.org, on the EVENTS page.

2008 WORLD YOUTH DAY MEETING SUNDAY, APRIL 22ND AT 9:15 A.M. IN THE RECTORY

Come join us on the pilgrimage of a lifetime—with hundreds of thousands of young Catholics from around the world—and the Pope! July 7-21, 2008, in Sydney, Australia! We will travel to beautiful Adelaide, on the Southern coast of Australia, for "Days in the Diocese," and from there we will move on to Sydney for WYD with Benedict XVI. Cost is $3,000. Participants must be between the ages of 18 and 35 (as of July 7, 2008). Application forms available at any parish, or online at www.Gods-call.org on the EVENTS page. Deadline for registration is July 7, 2007. Visit the official World Youth Day website at www.wyd2008.org. If you have any questions, contact Teresa Thompson or Fr. Mark McCormick at 787-5168.

FAITH FORMATION HAPPENINGS…

Last Classes for Faith Formation are this week—
Sunday, April 22 -- last class for students in PreSchool through Fifth Grades.
Wednesday, April 25 -- last class for students in Sixth through Eleventh Grades. **Middle School and High School students are asked to dress in their SUNDAY BEST for this evening as we share a meal and prayers together. This special event is planned for this evening to start at 6:30 – 8:00.**

THANK YOU! **-- to EVERYONE who has been a part in this year's Faith Formation Program – Teachers, Assistants, Substitutes, RCIA team, Confirmation team, RENEW facilitators, cooks/servers in preparing Wednesday meals, parents, and other members of the parish who helped when asked in so many varied ways, including your prayers. It is the community together that makes for a successful program year!**

NOTE: Confirmation Classes **WILL** continue meeting on Sunday evenings at 6:30 p.m. according to their calendar of dates given last fall!

REMINDER for Parents and First Communicants: We will meet **Saturday, April 28, at 2:00 p.m.** to go through a rehearsal followed by parents and children working on his/her banner. These are used as pew markers for the mass, and then students may keep them as a remembrance. We will need to know how many you are planning to have with you to reserve space in pews adequately.

Sunday, April 29, will be the celebration of First Communion for these students at the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Please have the first communicants at the church **by 7:30 a.m.** for pictures before Mass. The mass will be followed by a reception afterwards in the basement as we welcome these new members at the Table of our Lord! Parishioners – please be aware of this special event during this Mass as you make plans for mass attendance next week!

Coming soon…
…Confirmation will be celebrated at the 5:00 p.m. Mass on May 19th!
…upcoming news about the Vacation Bible School in June!

PILGRIMAGE HIKES

Mother-Daughter pilgrimage hike, **May 12**, 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Father-Son pilgrimage hike, **June 16**, 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
We will hike in the hills and join together for Mass and lunch. Please bring a sack lunch. Meet at the Cathedral at 8:00 a.m. Contact the Vocations Office for more information, 343-3541, ssafford@diorc.org.

Working Against Violence, Inc.
Invites you to an open house
April 23rd, 2007
Noon – 2:00
527 Quincy St.

Tours of the building will be given.

Pick up your ribbon to show your support for Sexual Assault Awareness Week.

Diocesan News

St. Isaac Jogues
Kateri Tekakwitha Youth Group
Will Be Holding A Fashion Show & Mini Pow-Wow
When: May 4th, 2007
At 6:00 p.m.
Where: Mother Butler Center
221 Knollwood Drive
Cost: $5.00 per ticket/or donation
Tickets can be purchased in the SIJ Office or day of show
Call 343-2165 for more information
All outfits will be designed by
Geraldine Sherman
Soup, Fry bread & Wojapi will be served

Rachael's Vineyard Retreat

Do you know someone who is suffering from the emotional and spiritual pain of an abortion? There is hope! A Rachel's Vineyard retreat weekend is an opportunity for women and men whose lives have been affected by abortion to renew their spirits by transforming the pain of the past into hope for the future. Women and men of all faiths are welcome to attend. A retreat will be held **May 4 - 6, 2007** in the Rapid City area. To register, contact Carol Kling at 605-374-5639 or ckling@sdplains.com. To learn more about Rachel's Vineyard, call 877-HOPE-4-ME (877-467-3463) or visit their website at www.rachelsvineyard.org.

The Cloud of Unknowing

This two-part video series by Father William Meninger will be held Saturday April 21st, and Saturday, May 5th, 2007, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at Benedict Hall, St. Martin Monastery. The $35.00 fee includes lunch and the required paperback book, *The Cloud of Unknowing*, edited by William Johnston, S.J. These prayerful days will deepen our dedication to Centering Prayer and our understanding of its truly spiritual origin. Registration is necessary. Sr. Marmion Howe, 343-2688 or 348-9132.

Join Us in Prayer for Vocations

The World Day of Prayer for Vocations is celebrated on April 29, 2007, the fourth Sunday of Easter. Please join us for Adoration for Vocations that day at the Cathedral from 3-5 p.m., followed by Mass at 5:30, dinner at 6:30, and a presentation with Fr. Brian Christensen at 7:30. Come for all or part of this evening! Let us remember to pray for all priests and consecrated men and women at this time. Send a card to your parish priest or to someone you know who is consecrated this week, thanking them for the gift of themselves given to Christ and to His body, the Church. Invite them for dinner! Pray for more vocations to priesthood and consecrated life – and consider a vocation to priesthood or consecrated life yourself! www.Gods-call.org

Retro Bill! is a blast from the past, and a rocket to the future! He's a nationally recognized, powerful and dedicated children's advocate, and is the most in demand nation-wide school assembly performer in the United States! He has an exciting and fun-filled performance for everyone! People of all ages love his full-of-life humor, his motivational message and his compassion for people! He is a "Must See!" You'll leave with a smile on your face and a feeling of hope in your heart. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to meet such a dynamic person! Retro Bill's performance is open to the public on April 25, 2007 @ 6:30 p.m. in the St. Thomas More gym.

Find Your Rest & Strength in God
Broom Tree Retreat Center Silent Retreats

The Diocese of Sioux Falls invites all men and women to experience a personal encounter with God through communal prayer, inspirational talks, silence and solitude, and sacramental grace. A silent retreat brings renewal for the body, mind and spirit. Silent retreats for women are scheduled for May 3-6, June 21-24, Aug. 9-12, Sept. 6-9, and Oct. 11-14. Men's retreats are scheduled for July 12-15 and Sept. 13-16. The Broom Tree Retreat Center is located in Irene, SD. Please contact Lori at 605.988.3708 or lori@sfcatholic.org for more information or to register. Information and online registration are also available at www.broom-tree.org.

Faithful Citizenship

Sunday April 22
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Therefore, the Christian is continually called to be ever alert in order to face the multiple attacks to which the right to life is exposed. In this he knows that he can count on motives that are deeply rooted in the natural law and that can therefore be shared by every person of upright conscience. In this perspective, above all, after the publication of the Encyclical Evangelium Vitae, much has been done to make the subject matter of these motivations better known in the Christian community and in civil society, but it must be admitted that the attacks on the right to life throughout the world have broadened and multiplied, also assuming new forms.

Address of Benedict XVI to the Participants in the General Assembly of the Pontifical Academy for Life. February 24, 2007. www.zenit.org
(From the Diocesan Pro-Life Commission Faithful Citizenship Committee)

About Cover The Uninsured Week

Again this year, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops will co-sponsor "Cover the Uninsured Week," from May 1-7, 2006. The purpose of this effort is to focus the attention of the nation on the almost 46 million Americans who lack any form of health insurance. The USCCB has joined with our ecumenical and interfaith partners in educating the public and policymakers about the need for affordable and accessible health care for all. The leadership of this project, funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, includes The Catholic Health Association of the United States (CHA), major health organizations, and business and labor groups.

You may be hearing about Cover the Uninsured Week activities in your communities, especially those sponsored by health care leaders and religious leaders. For example, health fairs and ecumenical and interfaith prayer breakfasts were among the successful events held last year. If you hear about such events or are asked to help plan one, I hope you can participate as a representative of the Catholic community. If you want to know who is organizing events in your community, go to the Cover the Uninsured Week website (CoverTheUninsuredWeek.org) and click on "What's Happening." You will find suggestions for what you can do, regional contacts who can help you plan an event, and materials, including an Interfaith Action Kit. You can also check the Catholic Health Association website for CTUW materials (www.chausa.org).

For the Ride Home

by Ted Bergh
Third Sunday of Easter
April 22, 2007

Scripture:
•So they left…, rejoicing that they had been found worthy to suffer dishonor for the sake of the name (Acts 5:41).
•You changed my mourning into dancing (Psalm 30:12).
•To the Lamb be blessing and honor, glory and might (Revelations 5:12).
•Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something (John 21:6).

Reflection:
•What are disciples called to do?
•What can a disciple expect to receive?
•What do you hope to find from the resurrected Jesus?
•Where do you look for Jesus?

What will we be then and what will remain of us, whose life was nothing but the business of the day, idle talk and vain pretense? What will be the outcome of our life when at the last judgment the true essence of our hollow life and the many days and long years that have remained empty, will be relentlessly revealed? Will anything remain beyond those moments in which the grace of love or an honest prayer to God shyly found a corner of our life otherwise filled with ephemeral rubbish?

It is of extreme importance to escape from this empty routine. Through the humdrum of our daily life we must find our way to Him who alone is the Lord. Our everyday life must become a hymn of praise, indeed it must become in itself a prayer. God must be sought and found in the things of the world. By regarding our daily duties as something performed for the honor and glory of God, we can convert what was hitherto soul-killing monotony, to the living worship of God in all our actions.[1]

[1]Rahner, Karl, *On Prayer*, (Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 1993) 61.

In honor of Monsignor O'Connell, who will be celebrating his 50th year of his priesthood on Saturday, May 12th, the date of the Annual Basket Auction will be moved to Saturday, June 9th at 6:00 p.m. If you have purchased tickets already and will not be able to attend, please contact Teresa in the parish office. 787-5168

Monsignor William O'Connell will celebrate the
50th anniversary of his priesthood.
You are invited to join him May 12, 2007, at 5:30 p.m. for a Mass of Thanksgiving at the
Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help
520 Cathedral Dr. Rapid City.
There will be a reception following the Mass.
He requests no gifts.

Mama Mia!

Come to the Basket Auction & Spaghetti Supper!
Our Lady of the Black Hills Church,

Saturday, June 9th.

Meal at 6 p.m. followed by the basket auction

Family of 5 +: $25.00 Adults: $7.00

Children: $4.00 3 & Under: Free

Proceeds to benefit OLBH youth attending the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) in Columbus, Ohio November 8-10, 2007